

**T O P S E C R E T**

**IN 23739**

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**CACTUS**

**IDEALIST COMBAT/SHACK**

**SUBJECT: U2R PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED OTHER ACTIONS**

1. F.Y.I. IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT PROJECT IDEALIST WILL BE ASSIGNED ACFT THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN AND ONE (IN THAT ORDER) OF THE U2R'S AS THEY COME OFF THE PRODUCTION LINE. ALONG WITH THIS ACFT ASSIGNMENT, PROJECT IDEALIST HAS BEEN GIVEN THE TASK OF ESTABLISHING THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY WITH THE U2R.

2. THIS MSG WILL OUTLINE THE PLAN FOR THE U2R PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM FOR KVCACTUS AND KVCARD PILOT TRAINEES. IT IS TO FURTHER SERVE AS A GUIDE LINE FOR ALL ASSOCIATED ACTIONS THAT WILL BE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THE EARLIEST U2R OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY FOR BOTH DETACHMENTS. IT IS REALIZED THAT THERE MAY BE SOME SLIPPAGE IN THIS TRAINING PLAN BECAUSE OF AIRCRAFT INSPECTIONS, MODIFICATIONS, WX, ETC. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE MANY OTHER PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DETACHMENTS ATTAINING O.R. STATUS WITH THE U2R. THIS PLAN SHOULD BE FOLLOWED INSOFAR AS IS POSSIBLE. THE FOLLOWING TRAINING PROGRAM IS BASED ON THE L.A.C. PROJECTED ACFT DELIVERY DATES PER ACFT AS FOLLOWS:

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| <b>U2R NBR 3</b> | <b>DELIVERED TO DETACH 3</b> | <b>1 MAR 68</b> |
| " " 4            | " " "                        | " 1 APR 68      |
| " " 5            | " " "                        | " 1 MAY 68      |
| " " 6            | " " "                        | " 1 JUNE 68     |
| " " 7            | " " "                        | " 1 JULY 68     |

**3. THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE IS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THERE WILL BE A MINIMUM OF 30 FLYING HOURS PER ASSIGNED U2R PER MONTH, AVAILABLE TO THE DETACHMENTS FOR THIS TRAINING PROGRAM.**

**A. MARCH 1968 NBR 3 U2R TO CACTUS (30 HOURS AVAIL)**

|                       |          |      |
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| (1) BARNES - CHECKOUT | 15 HOURS | 25X1 |
| (2) [ ] - CHECKOUT    | 15 HOURS |      |

**B. APRIL 1968 NBR 3 AND NBR 4 ASSIGNED CACTUS (60 HRS AVAIL)**

|                        |          |      |
|------------------------|----------|------|
| (1) BARNES - TRNG      | 10 HOURS | 25X1 |
| (2) [ ] - TRNG         | 10 HOURS |      |
| (3) RAND - CHECKOUT    | 20 HRS.  |      |
| (4) ERICSON - CHECKOUT | 20 HRS.  |      |

**NOTE: 30 APRIL - CACTUS HAS LIMITED (DEPENDENT ON FAX SPARES, ETC.)****O.R. CABABILITY - 3 PILOTS, 2 ACFT****C. MAY 1968 ACFT NBRS 3, 4, AND 5 AT CACTUS (90 HRS AVAIL)**

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| (1) BARNES - TRNG  | 10 HRS | 25X1 |
| (2) [ ] - TRNG     | 10 HRS |      |
| (3) RAND - TRNG    | 15 HRS |      |
| (4) ERICSON - TRNG | 15 HRS |      |

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(5) KNUTSON - CHECKOUT 20 HRS

(6) [ ] - CHECKOUT 20 HRS

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NOTE: L/COL LUDWIG FULL PRESSURE SUIT(S) TO BE S901 (MODIFIED)

D. JUNE 1968 ACFT NBRS 3,4,5 AND 6 AT CACTUS (120 HRS AVAIL)

(1) BARNES - TRNG 10 HRS

25X1

(2) [ ] - TRNG 10 HRS

(3) RAND - TRNG 10 HRS

(4) ERICSON - TRNG 10 HRS

(5) KNUTSON - TRNG 10 HRS

(6) [ ] - TRNG 10 HRS

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(7) CAF PILOT A - CHECKOUT 20 HRS

(8) CAF PILOT B - CHECKOUT 20 HRS

(9) HALL - CHECKOUT 20 HRS

E. 1 JULY 68 ACFT NBRS 3 AND 4 DEPLOYED TO CARD (APPROX 30 HRS. AVAIL CARD AND 15 HRS. FERRY FLT)

(1) CAF PILOT A - TRNG AT CARD 10 HRS

(2) CAF PILOT B - TRNG AT CARD 10 HRS

(3) [ ] - TRNG AT CARD 10 HRS

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(4) HALL - FERRY TO CARD 15 HRS.

F. JULY 1968 ACFT NBRS 5,6, AND 7 AT CACTUS (90 HRS AVAIL PLUS 15 HRS ON FERRY FLT)

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| (1) BARNES - FERRY TO CARD | 15 HRS | 25X1 |
| (2) [ ] - TRNG             | 10 HRS |      |
| (3) RAND - TRNG            | 10 HRS |      |
| (4) ERICSON - TRNG         | 10 HRS |      |
| (5) KNUTSON - TRNG         | 10 HRS |      |
| (6) [ ] - CHECKOUT         | 20 HRS | 25X1 |
| (7) [ ] CHECKOUT           | 20 HRS |      |
| (8) [ ] START CHECKOUT     | 10 HRS | 25X1 |

**NOTE: 1 AUG CARD HAS LIMITED OR STATUS - 2 ACFT - 2 CAF PILOTS****G. AUG 1968 ACFT NBR 3 AND 4 AT CARD****(1) TRNG AND OPERATIONS AS REQUIRED****(60 HRS AVAIL)****H. AUG 1968 ACFT NBR 5, 6, AND 7 AT CACTUS (90 HRS AVAIL)****(1) CAF PILOT C - CHECKOUT 20 HRS****(2) CAF PILOT D - CHECKOUT 20 HRS****(3) TRAINING AND CHECKOUTS AS REQUIRED 50 HRS****I. SEPT 1968 ACFT NBR 3 AND 4 AT CARD, NBR 5, 6, 7 AND****POSSIBILITY NBR ONE AT CACTUS****(1) CARD- TRAINING AND OPERATION AS REQUIRED.****(2) CACTUS-CHECKOUT OF CAF PILOTS E AND F PLUS OTHER****TRAINING AND CHECKOUT AS REQUIRED.**

**4. THE FOLLOWING ASSOCIATED ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED AS**  
**INDICATED TO IMPLEMENT THIS PLAN AS OUTLINED IN PARA 3 ABOVE:**

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**A. FULL PRESSURE SUIT MEASUREMENTS FOR ALL CAF PILOTS  
ACCOMPLISHED NLT 31 JAN 1958.**

**B. [REDACTED] TDY FROM CARD TO CACTUS 15 APRIL THROUGH  
15 JUNE FOR SUIT FITTING AND U2R CHECKOUT.**

25X1

**C. CAF PILOTS A AND B PLUS HALL TDY TO CACTUS 15 THRU 17  
MAY FOR U2R GROUND SCHOOL.**

**D. CAF PILOTS A AND B PLUS HALL TO DAVID CLARK FOR SUIT  
FITTING AND TRAINING 22 - 29 MAY.**

**E. CAF PILOTS B AND C TDY US FOR U2R GRND SCHOOL, SUIT  
FITTINGS AND TRAINING 8 THRU 31 JULY.**

**F. REMAINING CAF PILOTS SUIT FITTINGS/TRAINING, U2R GRND  
SCHOOL TO BE ARRANGED AT LATER DATE.**

**5. THE DETAILS OF THIS PLAN IS TO BE LIMITED TO CACTUS  
ONLY PERSONNEL AT THIS TIME. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN  
WILL BE FORWARDED TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED AT A LATER DATE  
BY SEP MSG.**

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**END OF MSG**